

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A separating device-(7), in particular for use in a film dispenser-(1), including a separating profile section-(6), said separating device-(7), which comprises at least one separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ and a press element-(9), being supported such that it is movable along said separating profile section-(6) relative to a material that is adapted to be cut, in particular a material in the form of webs or sheets, wherein the press element-(9) is implemented as a moving strip-(11, 12) which is supported such that it is adapted to circulate at least in said separating device-(7) and which causes the material adjacent to the separating knife-(8, 22) to remain tensed at least in a linear manner along the direction of displacement-(13) of said knife, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separating device comprises a handle housing-(15) provided with a guide member-(21) and that the moving strip-(11, 12) is placed around said guide member with a certain amount of play.

2. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the material has the form of a slip of film.

3. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one moving strip-(11, 12) is arranged on either side of the separating knife-(8, 22).

4. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the moving strip-(11, 12) is rotatably supported.

5. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the moving strip-(11, 12) is guided essentially parallel to the separating profile section -(6) in the direction of displacement-(13) of the separating knife-(8).

6. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a parallel guide means -(14) of the separating device-(7), which is used for guiding the moving strip-(11, 12), extends beyond the separating knife -(8, 22)-on both sides in the direction of displacement-(13).

7. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separating device -(7) comprises a handle housing-(15), especially a bipartite handle housing-(15), in which the separating knife-(8, 22) is held and in which the moving strip-(11, 12) is guided.

8. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separating device -(7) comprises a handle housing-(15) which is adapted to be lockingly attached to an inner member, the moving strips-(11, 12) being placed around said inner member and the separating knife-(8, 22) projecting, between the moving strips-(11, 12), beyond a lower surface of said inner member.

9. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one handle-housing half-(16, 17) is provided with a fastening element -(18) for the separating knife-(8, 22), and that one handle-housing half-(17, 16) is provided with a stop element-(19) for the separating knife-(8, 22).

10. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fastening element ~~(18)~~ and/or the stop element ~~(19)~~ are implemented as peg- or pin-shaped elements.

11. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the handle-housing half ~~(16, 17)~~ is provided with a slot-shaped guide means ~~(20)~~ for the moving strip ~~(11, 12)~~.

12. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein one moving strip ~~(11, 12)~~ is guided in each handle-housing half ~~(16, 17)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ is held between the handle-housing halves ~~(16, 17)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ and the inner member are formed as an integral component.

15. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the moving strip ~~(11, 12)~~ is guided with a certain amount of play around an approximately kidney-shaped guide member ~~(21)~~ in the handle-housing half ~~(16, 17)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ used for cutting a plastic film is made of metal.

17. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ is injection ~~moulded~~molded into said inner member.

18. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ used for cutting an aluminium aluminum foil is made of plastic material.

19. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 17, characterized in that wherein the separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ is formed integrally with said inner member from plastic material.

20. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the separating knife ~~(8, 22)~~ is provided with a base element ~~(25)~~ which is guided in a suitable guide means ~~(23)~~ along a cutting slot ~~(24)~~ of the separating profile section ~~(6)~~.

21. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser ~~(1)~~ provided with a separating device ~~(7)~~ according to one of the preceding claims, said film dispenser comprising a housing ~~(4)~~ provided with at least one dispensing compartment ~~(2, 3)~~ and the separating profile section ~~(6)~~ being associated with a dispensing opening ~~(5)~~ of a dispensing compartment ~~(2, 3)~~, characterized in that wherein the separating profile section ~~(6)~~ is formed in a flap ~~(28)~~ which is associated with the dispensing compartment ~~(2, 3)~~ and which is supported such that it is pivotable between an open position ~~(26)~~ and a closed position ~~(27)~~, said flap ~~(28)~~ being releasably locked with said housing ~~(4)~~ especially in the closed position ~~(27)~~.

22. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, characterized in that wherein especially by means of support axles ~~(33, 34)~~ projecting from the lateral ends ~~(29,~~

30} of the flap-(28), the flap-(28) is at the lateral ends
ends (29, 30} thereof supported in the housing-(4) such that
it is adapted to be pivoted and/or locked in said housing-(4).

23. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to
claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein lateral cheeks-(31,
32} projecting from lateral ends of the flap in the direction
of the respective dispensing compartment have an elastically
deflectable arm-(35) on which a locking element-(36) is
arranged, said locking element-(36) being in engagement with a
counter-locking element-(37) on the housing-(4) in the closed
position-(27).

24. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to
claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein recesses-(40, 41) are
formed in lateral housing end walls-(38, 39), said recesses
(40, 41) being open in the direction of the flap-(28) and
accommodating mating bodies-(42) arranged on the lateral cheek
(31, 32}, especially on the free end-(43) of the arm-(35), in
the closed position-(27) of the flap-(28).

25. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to
claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recess-(40, 41) is
essentially semicircular and that the cross-section of the
mating body-(42) has essentially the shape of a circular
segment.

26. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to
claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an edge-(44) of the
recess-(40, 41) is implemented as a locking protrusion-(37)
along at least part of its length.

27. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to
claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flap-(28) is
provided with a boundary projection-(45), which is located
above the mating body-(42) and which, at the closed position

~~(27)~~ of the flap~~-(28)~~, is arranged in the recess~~-(40, 41)~~ such that it is flush with the surface of the front side~~-(46)~~ of the housing~~-(4)~~, especially the arm~~-(35)~~ in the lateral cheek ~~(31, 32)~~ of the flap~~-(28)~~ being delimited by two slot-shaped openings~~-(47, 48)~~ which are open towards said boundary projection~~-(45)~~.

28. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an axle guide means ~~(49)~~ for accommodating the support axle~~-(33, 34)~~ projecting from the side face of the flap is formed laterally adjacent to the recess~~-(40, 41)~~ on the housing~~-(4)~~, said axle guide means ~~(49)~~ being open towards said recess.

29. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein on an inner side~~-(50)~~ of the flap~~-(28)~~ facing the housing~~-(4)~~, a guide channel~~-(51, 52)~~ is formed, which extends along the cutting slot~~-(24)~~ and in which the base element~~-(25)~~ is accommodated and/or guided.

30. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the side walls~~-(53)~~ of said guide channel~~-(51, 52)~~ are provided with longitudinal openings~~-(55)~~ which are spaced apart in the longitudinal direction~~-(54)~~, especially one of said longitudinal openings ~~(55)~~ being implemented as an insertion opening~~-(56)~~ for the separating knife~~-(8)~~.

31. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the side walls~~-(53)~~ of said guide channel~~-(51, 52)~~ enclose an acute angle~~-(57)~~ with the inner side~~-(50)~~ of the flap~~-(28)~~.

32. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one guide

means-(58, 59) for the base element-(25) is arranged along the cutting slot-(24) on the inner side-(50) of the flap-(28).

33. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flap-(28) is provided with a pivotable flap-(60) which is pivotably supported thereon through a film hinge-(63) and which defines an edge-(62) of the cutting slot-(24) in the closed position -(61) thereof.

34. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivotable flap -(60) has, on the lower side thereof, at least one locking projection-(65) formed especially on an elastically deflectable locking arm-(66) and engaging a longitudinal opening-(55, 56) of the guide channel-(51, 52) when the flap -(60) occupies the closed position-(61).

35. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flap-(28).is provided with a guide channel-(67) which extends in the longitudinal direction-(54) thereof and which has arranged therein a strip-(68) comprising the cutting slot-(24) of the separating profile section-(6), said strip-(68) being especially removably arranged in said guide channel-(67).

36. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the strip-(68) provided with the separating profile section-(6) and used for cutting the film/foil is adapted to be handled independently of the film dispenser-(1).

37. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the guide channel-(67) is open on at least one end-(69) thereof.

38. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the strip-(68) is adapted to be arranged in the guide channel-(67) in such a way that its upper surface-(70) is substantially flush with the front side-(46) of the flap-(28), the cutting slot-(24) extending in said upper surface-(70).

39. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the strip-(68) has a substantially square cross-section with support flanges projecting outwardly from the upper surface-(70) thereof.

40. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the strip-(68) is substantially hollow and that the base element-(25) of the separating knife-(8, 22) is guided in said strip-(68).

41. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the strip-(68) is adapted to be secured in position, especially locked in position in the guide channel-(67).

42. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a friction-increasing coating is applied along the cutting slot-(24), at least along one side thereof.

43. (Currently Amended) A separating device according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the moving strip-(11, 12) is formed of a material with increased friction, or that the outer surface-(71) thereof, which comes into contact with the slip of film, comprises said material.

44. (Currently Amended) A film dispenser according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the housing-(4) has a

rear wall—(72) which extends at an oblique angle upwards and forwards.